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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 24,

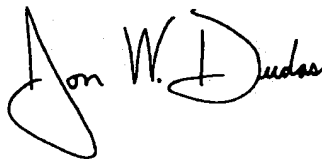
Line 58, "step of;" should read -- steps of: --.

Column 26,

Line 53, "section" should read -- step --.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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